IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No. : 10/536,714

Applicants : DEBRUYNE, ET AL. Filed : AUGUST 6, 2006

Title : COCHLEAR IMPLANT DRUG DELIVERY DEVICE

Art Unit : 3762

Examiner : KAHELIN, MICHAEL WILLIAM.

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND ELECTION OF SPECIES

Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement mailed January 21, 2009, Applicants submit the following Amendments and Remarks.

It is not believed that extension for time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR §1.136(a), and any fees required therefore, including fees for net addition of claims are hereby authorized to be charged to. Deposit Account No. 22409-00324-US.

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